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SUBJECT: LIQUOR LAWS: BACKGROUND AND STATISTICS

REFERENCE: ABU DHABI 0553

1. REGRET DELAYED REPLY TO REFTEL HOWEVER RECENT STATISTICS PROVED DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN. ARP IS POUCHING INFORMATION FROM NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE FOR ALCOHOL INFORMATION AND NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON ALCOHOL ABUSE. REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM EITHER OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS CAN BE SENT TO P.O. BOX 2345, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20852.

2. FOLLOWING INFORMATION GLEANED FROM NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND REFERENCE WORKS:

A) VALUE OF RETAIL SALES OF WINE, BEER AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR 1974: DOLS 18.3 BILLION. FOR 1975: DOLS 20.2 BILLION.

B) FBI STATISTICS FOR 1974 ON ALCOHOL RELATED CRIMES SHOW 616,549 PERSONS ARRESTED FOR DRUNKEN DRIVING. 567,193 UNCLASSIFIED

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MALES ARRESTED, 49,356 FEMALES. TOTAL OF 911,837 PERSONS ARRESTED FOR DRUNKENNESS; 846,167 MALES, 65,670 FEMALES. (N.B. ALL FBI FIGURES COVER POPULATION OF APPROX 134 MILLION.)

C) IN 1974, RETAIL SALES BY LIQUOR STORES AMOUNTED TO DOLS 10.3 BILLION; 1975 STATISTICS SHOW INCREASE TO NEARLY

DOLS 11 BILLION. IN 1974 AMERICANS SPENT APPROX DOLS 22.9
BILLION FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES COMPARED WITH DOLS 13.8
BILLION FOR TOBACCO AND DOLS 166.4 BILLION FOR FOOD.

3. IT IS DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN EXACT STATISTICS ON SCOPE OF
ALCOHOLISM PROBLEM. SEVERAL AUTHORITIES AGREE THAT OUT
OF 95 MILLION "SOCIAL DRINKERS" IN U.S., APPROXIMATELY
9 MILLION ARE PROBLEM DRINKERS OR ALCOHOL ADDICTS. RATIO
OF MEN TO WOMEN SUFFERING FROM ALCOHOL RELATED PROBLEMS
ESTIMATED TO BE 5.5 TO ONE. ALCOHOLISM AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE
IS INCREASING TO THE POINT WHERE SEVERAL STATES HAVE OR
ARE CONSIDERING RAISING LEGAL AGE TO PURCHASE OR DRINK
LIQUOR PUBLICLY.

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